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For: CLEANING SHEET, CARRYING MEMBER WITH A CLEANING FUNCTION AND METHOD OF
CLEANING SUBSTRATE PROCESSING EQUIPMENT

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is being remitted, and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is being submitted.

Applicant submits an Extended European Search Report dated February 25, 2011 issued in counterpart European Application No. 10016058.9.

It is noted that References WO 03/052045, EP 1 106 136, GB 2 170 427, and US 6,277,457 cited in the Communication were previously submitted with an Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 2, 2007.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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